

## **Sustainable Resource Harvest**

### Starnight Skies – Restore project

- Control light pollution
- Designate star parks
- IDOT issue?
- Control use of light & fire at mining sites
- Issue of light fracking

### Fracking

- Resource intensive
- Cost to the eco-system
- Impact to residents

## **Outdoor Recreational access**

### Environmental Education

- Programs within established facilities – tours, show/tells
- Work with partner programs/non profits groups

### Resource harvesting – extended to Cook County

- Expansion of deer hunting areas
- Reduction of pheasant hunting areas

### Licensing

- Limits on hunting licenses
- Time stamps for licenses? More licenses – shorten time span for hunting.

### Sustainable Resource Protection

- Avoid fund sweeps at NAAF
- Donation/Matching for operation funds & land acquisition by private entities
- Give Natural Heritage Biologists the resources and funds they need
- Geo tracking/Drawing in young people with electronic technology.
- Use social media to fulfill park “wish lists”
- Re: Starlight restoration – have astronomy clubs donate their time for education sessions and tours

## **Sustainable Resource Development and Extraction**

Wind Harvesting in Lake Michigan

Partnership with IGS & USGS

- Resource Mapping

Regulatory & Permit Gaps?

- HP 2615 – environmental pollutant permit regulations

Advertise information regarding the uses of closed mines – i.e. DNR website

Tax mining revenues for natural resources

- Some disagreed

## **Building bridges**

Fantastic Job IDNR!

Partnerships with corporations for show/tells – educational programs

- Mining-geological tours
- Stewardship

Stargazing – late operation state park hours